

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-19 (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) A method for performing an ophthalmic surgical procedure comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a surgical device comprising:

an elongate body portion;

the elongate body portion having a proximal end and a distal end;

a soft tip at the distal end of the body portion;

wherein the soft tip is at least partially colored so as to enhance a user's visibility of the soft tip in the surgical area;

(b) making an incision in the eye of a patient to access the treatment area;

(c) inserting the surgical device into the treatment area through the incision;

(d) performing the ophthalmic surgical procedure using the surgical device; and

(e) removing the [[delivery]] surgical device from the treatment area

wherein the ability to visualize the soft tip during the ophthalmic surgical procedure is enhanced.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of shining a light onto the soft tip while performing the ophthalmic surgical procedure.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein a fiber optic probe is used to shine the light onto the soft tip.

23. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of causing the soft tip to glow or fluoresce.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein a light is shone on the soft tip to cause the soft tip to glow or fluoresce.

25. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the surgical device further comprises a light source in connection with the soft tip and wherein the method further comprises illuminating the soft tip with the light source.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of illuminating the surgical site with the light source.

27. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the soft tip is formed of a soft material at least partially colored to enhance a user's visibility of the soft tip.

28. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the soft tip material has one or more markings to enhance a user's visibility of the soft tip.

29. (Original) The method of claim 28, wherein the one or more markings is a fiducial ring.

30. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein the soft tip material is at least partially colored with a fluorescent material.

31. (Original) The method of claim 20, the body portion of the device is hollow and the device is an aspirating device and wherein the method of performing an ophthalmic surgical procedure comprises a vitreoretinal surgical procedure comprising the steps of:

cutting the vitreous body away from the retina;
removing the a vitreous body from the eye;
pushing the retina back against the wall of the eye;
draining any subretinal fluid present between the retina and the back wall of the eye; and
allowing clear fluid from the blood to fill the vitreous cavity.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the surgical device is an aspirating device and the surgical device is used to introduce air or gas into the vitreous cavity to push the retina back against the wall of the eye.

33. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the soft tip of the surgical device is used to push the retina back against the wall of the eye.

34. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the surgical device is an aspirating device and the surgical device is used to drain any subretinal fluid present between the retina and the back wall of the eye.

35. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the soft tip is embedded with abrasive materials and wherein the method further comprises the step of scraping scar tissue and eye tissues to increase visual acuity outcomes.

36. (New) A method for performing an ophthalmic surgical procedure comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a surgical device comprising:

an elongate body portion;

the elongate body portion having a proximal end and a distal end;

a soft tip at the distal end of the body portion;

wherein the soft tip is at least partially colored so as to enhance a user's visibility of the soft tip in the surgical area;

(b) making an incision in the eye of a patient to access the treatment area;

(c) inserting the surgical device into the treatment area through the incision;

(d) performing the ophthalmic surgical procedure; and

(e) removing the ^{N.A.}delivery device from the treatment area

wherein the ability to visualize the soft tip during the ophthalmic surgical procedure is enhanced.
